

New Boston Town Center

Working Group Meeting #3

March 19, 2008



New Boston Town Center Project

Agenda

- Introduction (Tim)
- Discuss Vision Statement (Tim)
 - Consensus
- Preliminary Study Alternatives (Bill)
- Low Cost Short Term Improvements (Bill)
- Discuss Alternative Screening Criteria (Tim/Bill)
- Assignments (Tim)

Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS)

“A collaborative interdisciplinary approach that involves all stakeholders to develop a transportation facility that fits its physical setting and preserves scenic, aesthetic, historic and environmental resources, while maintaining safety and mobility.”

Consensus

“Consensus does not mean that everyone agrees, but that the principal groups and individuals can live with a proposal.”

Vision Statement

A statement of desired characteristics of a place at a specific time. This statement should address transportation goals and may include other community and environmental goals related to the transportation corridor as well.



Developing a Vision

- Include Transportation Needs
- Include Community Values or Aspirations
- Include Scenic, Aesthetic, Historic and Environmental Values and Goals



Vision Statement Examples

Meredith's village and rural settings will be enhanced by the US 3 /NH 25 corridor, which will allow easy access to village destinations while moving traffic through in a slow, steady, safe and efficient manner.

Peak congestion in Meredith and the Region will be mitigated by managing pedestrian flow, educating the public about alternate traffic routes and providing for various modes of transportation. People will feel comfortable walking or cycling on the corridor which will promote the town's social life, recreational offerings, historic features, and economic vitality. Long term viability of the corridor and stewardship of the natural environment and cultural assets will remain a steadfast priority.

Meredith US3/NH 25 Transportation Project

Vision Statement Examples

“Loudon Road will be an attractive, safe corridor that visually and physically connects at a human scale destinations east and west of the turnpike. It will be uniquely Concord place that functions well for all modes of transportation and integrates Concord history, aesthetics and environment.”

Concord, Loudon Road (NHDOT CSS Training Course Example)

Vision Statement Examples

The Pelham Town Center is divided by multiple intersections containing high volumes and speeds of local and regional commuter traffic, creating congestion that negatively affects safety resulting in unacceptable delays. This detracts from the historic character and setting of the Town Center. No “sense of place” exists that promotes community pride or encourages activities that attract pedestrians and groups of people to gather. This area lacks alternative routes, gateway, and traffic calming features that introduce and highlight the historic character of the town center. The area is marked by inadequate pedestrian/ bicycle connectivity and amenities, and a complete lack of on-street parking, descriptive signage, and lighting.

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Problem Statement



*Consensus
Reached*

The transportation infrastructure in the center of New Boston is no longer adequate for the increased volume of local and through traffic (commercial/residential); the range of users; multiple modes of travel; and land use patterns. The layout of the transportation infrastructure and increased volume of traffic negatively impact the safety, access, aesthetics, connectivity, environment, tranquility, sociability, and rural character of the Village. There is a lack of safe contiguous well-defined facilities for those wishing to access the area's business, recreational, institutional, and historical resources.

Vision Statement

What is your vision for New Boston's Town Center?



Draft Vision Statement

The transportation infrastructure in the center of New Boston will adequately accommodate a range of multi-modal traffic, users and land use patterns.

The layout of the transportation infrastructure will enhance safety, access, aesthetics, connectivity, environment, tranquility, sociability and the rural character of the Village. A system of safe, contiguous and well-defined facilities will be available for those wishing to access and utilize the area's businesses, recreational, institutional and historic resources.

Preliminary Study Alternatives

- Intersection of NH 13/High Street
 - Old Coach Road and Clark Road
- Bridge Width
- Intersection of NH 13/ Meetinghouse Hill Rd./ Mill St.
 - Better Definition
- Sidewalks and Crosswalks
- Parking (Dodge's Store, Town Hall, etc...)

Low Cost Improvements

Results of the Placemaking Workshop
New Boston Town Center
November 17, 2007

Possible Low-Cost Short-Term Improvements

Location 1: Intersection of High Street/Mont Vernon Road/Clark Hill Road and Old Coach Road

What few things could be done now at low cost to improve this place?

- No Entry sign at bank exit
- Clean brush at foot of Old Coach Road
- Place flowers around New Boston sign
- Stop sign or other traffic calming measure at bottom of High Street
- Police enforcement of speed & noise on 13 approaching town
- Mirror

Location 2: River Road in and Around the Bridge over the Piscataquog River

What few things could be done now at low cost to improve this place?

- Crosswalks (2) one at each end of bridge under street lights
- Landscape
- ADA compliant
- Signs-parking

Location 3: Intersection Area of River Road and Meetinghouse Hill Road

What few things could be done now at low cost to improve this place?

- Benches, trash receptacles

Location 4: Area of Meetinghouse Hill Road and Mill Street intersection

What few things could be done now at low cost to improve this place?

- Crosswalk near firehouse
- Control speed on Meetinghouse Road
- Sidewalks past/present/future
- Signage
- Info "kiosk"
- Restrooms
- Improve town hall park
 - Greener
 - One way east
 - Move handicap parking space

Alternative Screening Criteria

- What criteria will be used to determine if an alternative is acceptable or not
 - Property Impacts
 - Cost
 - Impacts to community
 - Environmental Impacts

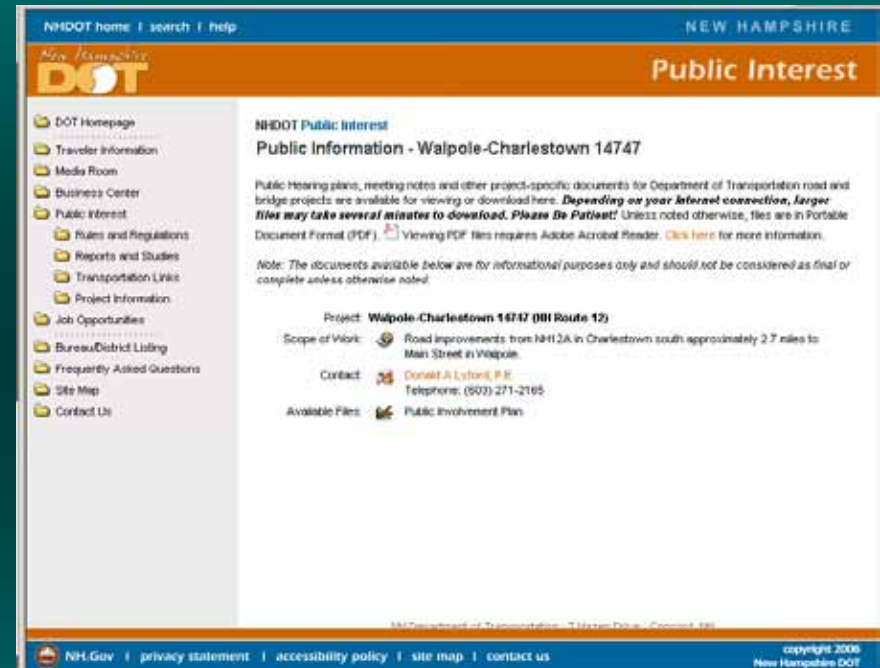
Stakeholder Outreach

- Public Involvement Plan

- Introduction
- Project Background
- Project Team
- Project Process
- Working Group
- Communication

- Project Website

- www.nh.gov/dot/projects/newboston/index.htm



Next Working Group Meeting

Working Group Meeting # 4

Wednesday May 21, 2008

New Boston Town Hall

Assignments

1. Low-Cost Short-Term Improvements, how to implement them.
2. Think about what criteria you will use to determine if an alternative is acceptable or not.